

## MEDIA ADVISORY

For immediate release:

**Contact:** Joron Planter September 29 2015 (804) 726-7934

## 2015 Virginia Volunteerism and Service Conference

Governor, Senator and volunteerism experts to speak

What:

The Office of Volunteerism and Community Service (OVCS) is gearing up for the Virginia Volunteerism and Service Conference, which will take place. The annual conference is the Commonwealth's leading conference for organizations and individuals making a difference in their communities. Each year, OVCS partners with the Virginia Service Foundation to host this two-day event. This year's conference will feature a diverse array of workshops, networking events, opportunities to participate in service projects and the launch of the 2015 Virginia AmeriCorps service year.

## Who: **Keynote Speakers will include:**

- Governor Terry McAuliffe (Video Conference Address)
- Senator Mark Warner (Video Conference Address)
- Ron Culberson Humorist/Author
- Bill Basl

Director of AmeriCorps State and National at the Corporation for National and Community Service

- Anita Chandra Director of Justice, Infrastructure, and Environment at the RAND **Corporation**
- Katherine Campbell Executive Director of the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA)
- **David Bowers** Roanoke Mayor

When: Thursday, September 30 – Friday, October 1

Where: Sheraton Roanoke Hotel & Conference Center

2801 Hershberger Road, Roanoke, Virginia 24017

**Highlights:** -More than 300 volunteers will participate in service project effort throughout

Roanoke community.

-Nationally-known community resilience expert Dr. Anita Chandra will lead a

conversation regarding community resilience in the face of disaster.

-Microsoft and Global Student Connect will host a LIVE exchange of ideas with

organizations in India utilizing their latest technological tools.

\*Interview and photo opportunities will be available at all conference events and service projects.